



2009 Summer Evening Programs



Sponsored by The Fort Wilkins Natural History Association



All evening programs are held indoors at the Fort Wilkins West Barracks, Copper Harbor, MI
Commencing at 7:30 PM EDST (Unless Indicated Otherwise)

Admission: Daily or Annual Motor Vehicle Permits



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AUGUST

- 1 Saturday..... “Best Astronomy Images of 2009” – Dr. Robert Nemiroff, Ph.D. Professor at Michigan Technological University
- 2 Sunday..... “Growing Up in a Copper Harbor Commercial Fishing Family” – Rich Jamsen, Copper Harbor
- 3 Monday..... “Mainland Michigan Moose” – Rob Aho, Wildlife Biologist
- 5 Wednesday..... “Mining History of the Keweenaw” – Jordan Kibat, National Park Service, Isle Royale
- 6 Thursday..... “Keweenaw Native Orchids & Special Plants” – Harvey Desnick, Wildflower Enthusiast & Author, Photographer
- 7 Friday..... “Delaware Mine” – Tom & Lani Poynter, Owners of Delaware Mine
- 8 Saturday..... **SPECIAL EVENTS – HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW & FORT WILKINS BY CANDLELIGHT**
- 11 Tuesday..... “She’s Not As Shiny as She Used to Be – Shipwreck Story of the City of Bangor” – Mark Rowe, Keweenaw Historical Society
- 12 Wednesday.... “Wolves” – Dorothy McLeer, Naturalist & Program Coordinator, University of Michigan
- 13 Thursday..... “Cranial Capacity of Corvids: What It Really Means to be a Bird Brain” – Dorothy McLeer, Naturalist/Program Coordinator UofM
- 14 Friday..... “Mail, Trails & Sled Dog ‘Tails’” – Gary Kuanonen, Finnish American Heritage Center

16 Sunday..... “Isle Royale by the Captains Who Take You There” – Captain Ben Kilpela, Isle Royale Queen IV
 18 Tuesday..... “Reader’s Theatre-Dispatches from the Wilderness” – John Griebel, Historian, & the Fort Wilkins Role Players
 20 Thursday..... “Keweenaw Native Orchids & Special Plants” - Harvey Desnick, Wildflower Enthusiast & Author, Photographer
 22 Saturday..... “Bears” – Tim Burke, Biologist, DNR of Michigan, Formerly with State of Alaska
 25 Tuesday..... “She’s Not As Shiny as She Used to Be – Shipwreck Story of the City of Bangor” – Mark Rowe, Keweenaw Historical Society
 26 Wednesday.... “Surface Archaeology & Discoveries at Fort Wilkins” – John Griebel, Seasonal Historian, Fort Wilkins Historic State Park
 27 Thursday..... “Living In and Loving Sand Hills Lighthouse” – Mary Matthews & Bill Frabotta, Inn Keepers & Owners
 28 Friday..... “Weather Safety” – Matthew Zika, Meteorologist, National Weather Service
 29 Saturday..... “Identifying Common Birds of the Keweenaw” – Dr. David Flaspohler, Conservation Biologist, Professor at MTU
 30 Sunday..... “Keweenaw Native Orchids & Special Plants” – Harvey Desnick, Wildflower Enthusiast & Author, Photographer
 31 Monday..... “Growing Up in a Copper Harbor Commercial Fishing Family” – Rich Jamsen, Copper Harbor

Special Events

August 1st Copperman Triathlon. Begins at 9:00am at the Lake Fanny Hooe boating access site. Participants will swim tranquil Lake Fanny Hooe, bike the rocky shores of Lake Superior and run through wilderness on shady roads. Visitors may observe all three stages of the event from Lake Fanny Hooe boating access site. Register at www.keweenawcopperman.org or phone Terry Smythe at (906) 482-8201 for more information. Sponsored by Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital. Participants must pre-register by July 10th.

August 8th Fort Wilkins by Candlelight & Historical Fashion Show. 2:00 Rekindle the past by attending a historical fashion show by Becky Weeks, Historical Costumer. The West Barracks in Fort Wilkins Historic State Park set the stage for the show on the beautiful shore of Lake Fanny Hooe. Home made period true recipe baked goods and tea will be available for purchase (proceeds\donations will go to the Fort Wilkins Natural History Association).

August 8th Fort Wilkins by Candlelight. 7:30 Costumed interpreters lead you back in time to the year 1870. As the sun begins to lower in the horizon enjoy a mellowdrama performance by Seasonal Historian John Griebel and the Fort Wilkins role players. Following the show, visit an officer’s parlor, married enlisted man’s quarters, hospital and fort headquarters on a candlelit tour. Light refreshments will be served by candlelight in a restored 1844 mess hall as the stars twinkle and the warm breeze blows memories of old from the moonlit waters of Lake Fanny Hooe.

September 26th Geocaching in the Keweenaw. Explore the beautiful Keweenaw during fall color season geocaching historic and naturally significant sites. Following the event there will be a bonfire with hot dogs and snacks provided. The event begins at 9:00am in the West Barracks of the Fort. For more info phone the park at (906) 289-4215.

Daily Programs

Living History Program. Costumed interpreters act as members of the military garrison. Leave the present and join them in the year 1870 9:30-4:00 6/20-8/21

Lighthouse Boat Tour. Departs Copper Harbor Marina every 2 hours 10:00 – 4:00 and evening ‘Sunset Cruise’.

Fort Wilkins Natural History Association Park Store. Open seven days a week 10:00-9:00.

